

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~The filter assembly of claim 3~~ A filter assembly comprising

a housing including an outer casing defining an interior chamber and including an inlet, an outlet, and a fluid pathway for a liquid flowing through the interior chamber wherein the liquid flowing through a first region of the interior chamber generates a first fluid pressure
5 and a second fluid pressure lower than the first fluid pressure through a second region of the interior chamber;

a filter element disposed in the interior chamber in the fluid pathway between the inlet and the outlet;

10 a first container disposed within the interior chamber and having an exterior wall defining an interior region, said container having a first opening including a first capillary tube extending from the exterior wall and a second opening through the exterior wall spaced apart from the first opening, said first opening and said second opening providing fluid communication between the interior chamber and the interior region; and

15 a liquid additive provided in the interior region, said additive selected to provide a beneficial property to the liquid flowing through the filter assembly,

wherein the first capillary tube extends into the interior region of the container,
and

wherein the first capillary tube extends from the exterior surface of the container and terminates adjacent the filter element.

Claim 5 (original): The filter assembly of claim 4 wherein the first capillary tube is configured to extend between the filter element and the outer casing.

Claim 6 (original): The filter assembly of claim 5 wherein the filter element is provided as a cylindrical sleeve of a porous material having a first length measured along an axis of the cylindrical sleeve and wherein the first capillary tube extends from the first container and has a length substantially equal to the first length.

Claim 7 (original): The filter assembly of claim 5 wherein the filter element is provided as a cylindrical sleeve of a porous material having a first length measured along an axis of the cylindrical sleeve, and wherein the first capillary tube extends from the first container and has a length less than or equal to about three-fourths of the first length.

Claim 8 (original): The filter assembly of claim 7 wherein the first capillary tube extends from the first container and has a length less than or equal to about one-half of the first length.

Claim 9 (original): The filter assembly of claim 7 wherein first capillary tube extends from the first container and has a length less than or equal to about one-fourth of the first length.

Claims 10-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~The filter assembly of claim 1~~ A filter assembly comprising
a housing defining an interior chamber and including an inlet, an outlet, and a
fluid pathway for a liquid flowing through the interior chamber wherein the liquid flowing
through a first region of the interior chamber generates a first fluid pressure and a second fluid
5 pressure lower than the first fluid pressure through a second region of the interior chamber;
a filter element disposed in the interior chamber in the fluid pathway between the
inlet and the outlet;
a first container disposed within the interior chamber and having an exterior wall
defining an interior region, said container having a first opening including a first capillary tube
10 extending from the exterior wall and a second opening through the exterior wall spaced apart

from the first opening, said first opening and said second opening providing fluid communication between the interior chamber and the interior region; and

a liquid additive provided in the interior region, said additive selected to provide a beneficial property to the liquid flowing through the filter assembly,

15 wherein the first container has a top wall portion including the first opening and an opposite bottom wall portion and a depth measured from the top wall portion to the bottom wall portion and wherein the first capillary tube extends into the interior region a first distance less than or equal about one fourth of the depth.

Claim 13 (original): The filter assembly of claim 12 wherein the second opening includes a second capillary tube extending into the interior region a first distance greater than or equal about three fourths of the depth.

Claims 14-36 (canceled)

Claim 37 (currently amended): ~~The filter assembly of claim 1 comprising~~ A filter assembly comprising

a housing defining an interior chamber and including an inlet, an outlet, and a fluid pathway for a liquid flowing through the interior chamber wherein the liquid flowing
5 through a first region of the interior chamber generates a first fluid pressure and a second fluid pressure lower than the first fluid pressure through a second region of the interior chamber;

a filter element disposed in the interior chamber in the fluid pathway between the inlet and the outlet;

10 a first container disposed within the interior chamber and having an exterior wall defining an interior region, said container having a first opening including a first capillary tube extending from the exterior wall and a second opening through the exterior wall spaced apart from the first opening, said first opening and said second opening providing fluid communication between the interior chamber and the interior region;

- 15 a liquid additive provided in the interior region, said additive selected to provide
 a beneficial property to the liquid flowing through the filter assembly; and
 a nutplate and a filter endcap positioned between the filter element and the
nutplate, said endcap including a shroud terminating adjacent an end of the first capillary tube.

Claims 38-39 (canceled)

- Claim 40 (currently amended): ~~The filter assembly of claim 39~~ A filter assembly comprising
 a housing defining an interior chamber and including an inlet and an outlet into
the interior chamber;
 a filter element disposed in the interior chamber between the inlet and the outlet,
5 said filter element partitioning the interior chamber into an entering region proximate to the
inlet and an exiting region proximate to the outlet;
 a first container disposed within the interior chamber and defining an interior
region, said first container having a first capillary tube extending into the entering region and a
second capillary tube providing fluid communication between the interior region and the
10 interior chamber; and
 a liquid additive provided in the interior region, said liquid additive selected to
provide at least one benefit to the liquid flowing through the filter assembly,
 wherein the first capillary tube extends from the first container into the entering
region and terminates adjacent the filter element.

Claim 41 (original): The filter assembly of claim 40 wherein the first capillary tube is
configured to extend between the filter element and the housing.

Claim 42 (canceled)

Claim 43 (currently amended): ~~The filter assembly of claim 39 comprising an~~ A filter assembly comprising

a housing defining an interior chamber and including an inlet and an outlet into the interior chamber;

5 a filter element disposed in the interior chamber between the inlet and the outlet, said filter element partitioning the interior chamber into an entering region proximate to the inlet and an exiting region proximate to the outlet;

a first container disposed within the interior chamber and defining an interior region, said first container having a first capillary tube extending into the entering region and a
10 second capillary tube providing fluid communication between the interior region and the interior chamber;

a liquid additive provided in the interior region, said liquid additive selected to provide at least one benefit to the liquid flowing through the filter assembly; and

a nutplate and a filter endcap positioned between the filter element and the
15 nutplate, said endcap including a shroud terminating adjacent an end of the first capillary tube.

Claim 44 (currently amended): ~~The filter assembly of claim 39~~ A filter assembly comprising

a housing defining an interior chamber and including an inlet and an outlet into the interior chamber;

a filter element disposed in the interior chamber between the inlet and the outlet,
5 said filter element partitioning the interior chamber into an entering region proximate to the inlet and an exiting region proximate to the outlet;

a first container disposed within the interior chamber and defining an interior region, said first container having a first capillary tube extending into the entering region and a
10 second capillary tube providing fluid communication between the interior region and the interior chamber; and

a liquid additive provided in the interior region, said liquid additive selected to provide at least one benefit to the liquid flowing through the filter assembly;

wherein the filter element is provided as a cylindrical sleeve of a porous material having a first length measured along an axis of the cylindrical sleeve and wherein the first
15 capillary tube extends from the first container and has a length substantially equal to the first length.

Claims 45-50 (canceled)

Claim 51 (currently amended): ~~The filter assembly of claim 50~~ A filter assembly comprising
a housing defining an interior chamber and including an inlet and an outlet into
the interior chamber;

a filter element disposed in the interior chamber between the inlet and the outlet,
5 said filter element partitioning the interior chamber into an entering region proximate to the
inlet and an exiting region proximate to the outlet;

a first container disposed within the interior chamber and defining an interior
region, said first container having a first capillary tube extending into the entering region and a
second capillary tube providing fluid communication between the interior region and the
10 interior chamber; and

a liquid additive provided in the interior region, said liquid additive selected to
provide at least one benefit to the liquid flowing through the filter assembly,

wherein the first container has a top wall portion including the first opening and
an opposite bottom wall portion and a depth measured from the top wall portion to the bottom
15 wall portion and wherein the first capillary tube extends into the interior region a first distance
less than or equal about one fourth of the depth, and

wherein the second capillary tube extends into the interior region a first distance
greater than or equal about three fourths of the depth.

Claims 52-61 (canceled)